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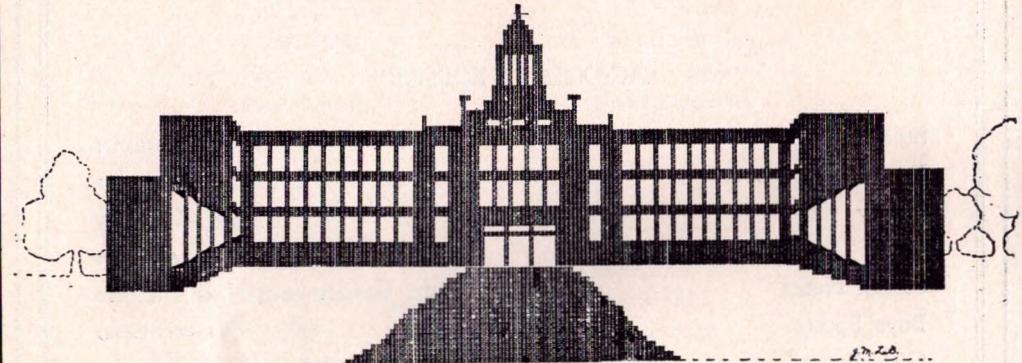
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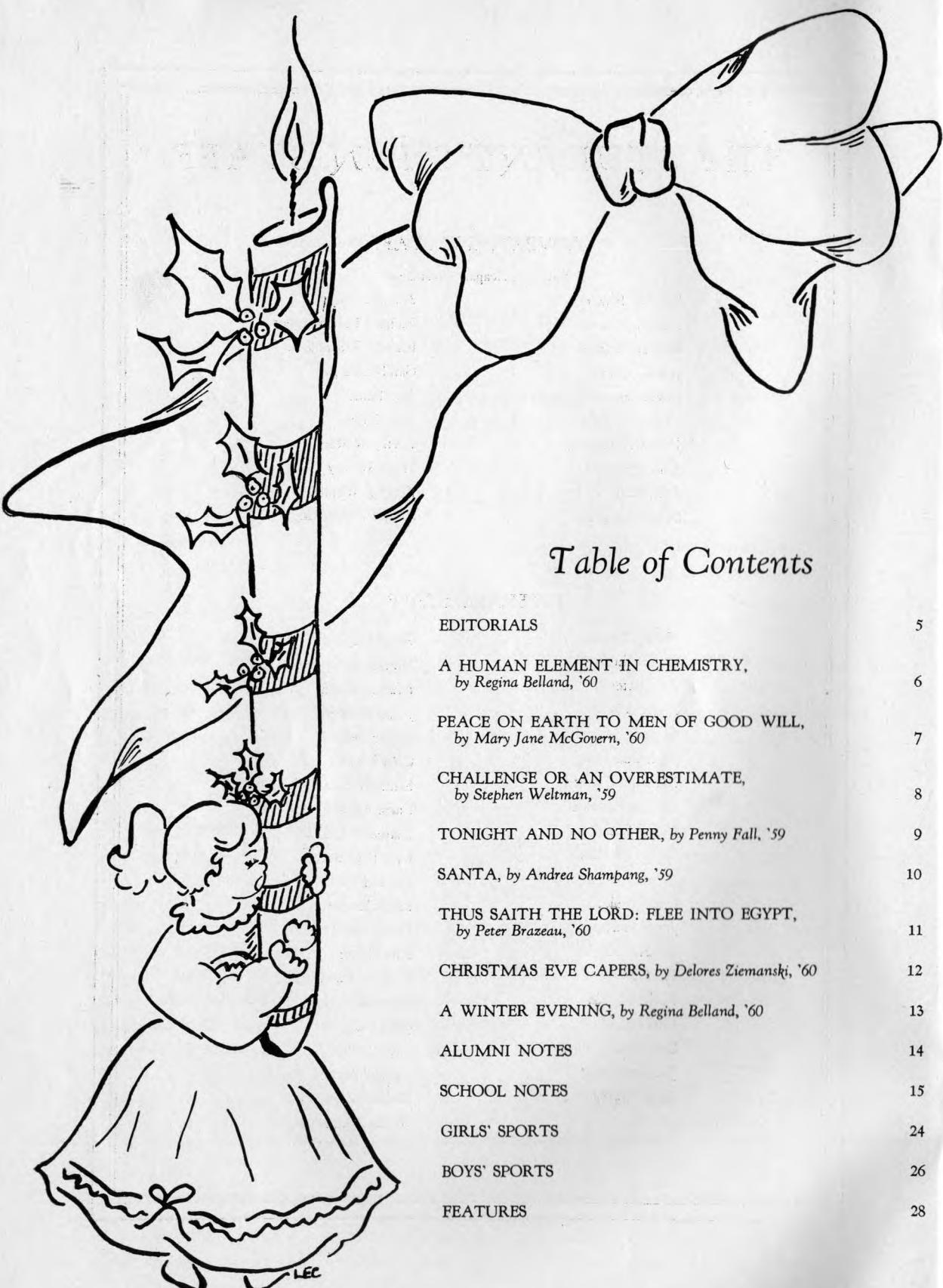


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EDITORIAL

A Vote of Appreciation

By Bill Singer, '59

ONCE again this year, as it has been in the last several years, students of Pittsfield High School are enjoying the benefits of a two-fold Driver Education program. Mr. Fox, known to most of us as "Coach", presides over the classroom training course. Those who succeed in passing this are eligible for Mr. Thompson's "behind-the-wheel" instruction on the school's dual-control automobile, donated by South St. Chevrolet. About 100 students a year have become licensed drivers in this way, and it would be hard to imagine a better method.

First of all, the lessons are free of charge—certainly, a benefit which can be obtained nowhere else. Secondly, those who graduate from the high school's course are given a sizeable insurance reduction when they come to drive. Lastly, the program's combination of classroom instruction and practical training seems to be an excellent method of producing safer drivers. Not only are students taught to drive correctly, but the classroom instruction goes a long way toward instilling the proper attitudes.

Certainly, we at Pittsfield High School are fortunate in having such a program.

Careful Selection Is A Necessity

By Karen Canfield, '59

IN these perilous days of intensive competition for a place in college, the question, "Which college should I apply to?", is of paramount importance. Improper selection of prospects can have as far-reaching effects on our lives as anything we will ever do. There can be nothing worse in a student's life than to be rejected by all the colleges to which he has applied, or the opposite despair of a person who, having fears about being accepted in an excellent school, spends four miserable years in a mediocre institution.

How can we insure that this won't happen to us? There is a way, simple yet effective. Apply to five (or more) colleges, ranging in academic standing from excellent to average, or perhaps below average, if your grades haven't been much to be proud of.

Don't put all your hopes on going to Harvard, for instance, if you aren't a "brain," or haven't other outstanding achievements to boost you in. Certainly, apply to it if you want, but also apply to other colleges—even if they're not your first choices—and you shouldn't be left without a college to attend next September. One last warning—apply now. "First come, first served" is a proverb which is just as true today as ever.

ESSAYS

A Human Element in Chemistry

By *Regina Belland, '60*

GREAT thinkers and scientists through the ages have marveled at the wonders of chemistry. Consequently, in an effort to explain its strange phenomena, they have devised seemingly perplexing theories about the elements. While not attempting to steal their glory, I must state that they were entirely wrong in their assumptions.

For instance, the so-called "atoms" are not really conglomerations of charged particles but are microscopic people who live in an environment of their own, and behave much as we do in our society. These people have divided themselves into numerous clans, a list of which may readily be found in a periodic chart.

As with all people, some are naturally obese. We call these isotopes. The members of some clans do not mix readily with others. For example, neon and argon are wallflowers, and always keep to themselves. We call them inert gases.

On the other hand, the sulfur and iron families are very good friends. They mix well at gatherings; and if the temperature becomes excessive, they agree to join each other and never to part. This joyous union is usually demonstrated to high school students as an experiment in combination.

The oxygen clan is the friendliest of them all. As a business venture, one of the group may merge with a metallic firm. Scientists like to call this process oxidation.

The uranium clan is small and very restless. Members of this group, in a burst of

anger or in a tantrum, often throw objects which the chemists call alpha and beta particles. These dissatisfied members then vow to leave their clan. They do so, and join the clan of their nearest neighbors, the thoriums. But, alas, these unhappy wanderers are not content to stay with the thoriums. Instead, they change clans a dozen or more times until they reach lead. As "Plumbumites" they finally settle down and lead a normal life.

Thus we have a concise picture of the human element in chemistry. Does anyone feel like having a glass of H_2O ?

THE BIRD OF WAR

By *Karen Canfield, '59*

Too soon arising from the scarce, cool ash
The fiery phoenix-bird of war appears
And with a mighty talon grips the sword
That drips with blood, and draws the
women's tears.

The golden cup of peace has not been drained,
But still the drop of discontent we taste;
And quickly taking up our arms, we rush
Into the bloody fray, with ill-timed haste.

Night's once-dark skies now burst with soaring flame
And all around are found the scars of hate,
While cloistered Nature watches through her tears
As bleeding men rush forward to meet their fate.

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'Peace on Earth, to Men of Good Will'

By *Mary Jane McGovern, '60*



Outside, the snow which had been falling gently had formed a soft blanket of welcome for the Christmas Day which would soon dawn. The luminous stars, flickering in the sky, were as vigil lights, keeping watch on the Infant Christ in the manger scene on the lawn of the Church below. This truly was peace.

But what of the rest of the world? In that very part of the world where our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ had been born over nineteen hundred years ago, fighting was going on. In other parts of the world, even in our own country, there was unrest.

As I knelt there, encompassed by the feeling of true peace which filled the church, I wondered why, at this time of year, when the birth of Christ, the "Prince of Peace," is being commemorated, there couldn't be peace on earth. By pondering the words of the angels that first Christmas night, those very words which the choir had just sung, I seemed to find an answer—"Peace on earth to men of good will."

Peace—the most desired thing on earth! But there at midnight Mass on Christmas, what could be more peaceful? The midnight stillness and solemnity with the organ in the background whispering the traditional Christmas music; the barely audible chant of the priest offering his first Christmas Mass; the humble manger at the foot of the altar, softly lighted by the star glowing above it; the calmness and serenity on the faces of the faithful—all of these were evidence enough of the peace which prevailed there.

Those persons around me, kneeling in prayer this early Christmas morn, were indeed "men of good will," for they were at peace with themselves and with God.

I found myself murmuring a fervent prayer that in the coming year, peace might descend upon the world, thus enabling us to spend next Christmas in the spirit of which the angels had sung—with "peace on earth to men of good will."

A Challenge or An Overestimate

By Stephen F. Weltman, '59

EVER since Sputnik began its historic orbit around the earth, educators have constantly speculated about the challenge of Russian education. They could not help but speculate. American technological advances had somehow fallen below predictions, allowing Russia to step ahead in the vital field of missile and rocket production. There were also grounds for a great fear that Soviet industrial might, too, would someday surpass ours. Cynics insisted that the fault lay with education.

Had we really failed to educate our youth for the challenge of today? I think not. It is merely the method of education in America which has given rise to these speculations.

American schools have always maintained an air of freedom to an extent which is not found in any other educational system of the world. It is the same freedom which is found in our factories, our offices, our churches, and our homes. But for our youth, this freedom is strongest in our schools. Students are free to choose the career which best suits their particular interests and abilities. There is no government supervision over his choice of courses. The fact that the government is at the present time in desperate need of scientists and engineers does not give Congress the power to draft men for these vital careers. A Russian may not choose his career, but must submit to that which the government thinks he should follow "in his own best interest." It is no wonder, then, that Russia is turning out three times as many engineers as we are. But can these students be completely happy in a society which refuses them the right to follow their own basic intuitions?

Not only is the career of a Russian student predetermined by the government, but his plan of study is equally limited. He may not

study any subject which might undermine his faith in Communism. Those courses which he is permitted to study are censored to limit intellectual, as well as political, curiosity. All published works are subject to the strictest government censorship. It is therefore not surprising that many a Russian student turns to mathematics and science, for figures can not be distorted to fit the needs of a government.

The plight of Nobel Prize winner Boris Pasternak is yet another example of the complete denial of intellectual liberty inside the Soviet Union. Sharply criticized by the Russian press and refused permission to accept this most coveted of awards, Pasternak has suffered deeply because of his intellectual curiosity and literary genius. How can an intellectual society make an important contribution to education and culture when it is not free to speak or think independently of its government? It has only recently become apparent that it cannot. To prove this, one needs only to consider the fact that the only field in which the Soviet Union has made any notable progress—science—is the only field in which any degree of intellectual freedom is permitted.

If one considers the foregoing examples carefully enough, he will readily realize that all of the worried talk about a challenge to our educational system is a gross exaggeration of the facts, based upon the panic of the Sputniks. America could not be left behind so quickly in the race for education, but is merely guilty of selecting a different, freer, and in the end, more satisfactory course than that of our competitor. Our system of education is more than a match for that of any nation; and, despite fears to the contrary, our technology is still unsurpassed.

SHORT STORIES

Tonight and No Other

By Penny Fall, '59



WITH the firm hand of authority, the red-erasered pencil struck the beat for silence on the highly polished desk of the judge. Court was in session.

Beads of sweat glistened on the boy's deeply tanned forehead, but his handsome face was placid; only his eyes betrayed his inner terror. He was alone at eighteen, just as he had been through most of the preceding years. Supposedly the image of the All-American boy, he was the top scholar of his class, a member of every major varsity team and, as the crowning glory, the president of his class! How could anyone understand what he had done and why?

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A cutting wind whipped across the landscape, sending clouds of light snow swirling in a sort of crazy dance into the blackness.

He trudged along the icy road, with head bent, and body braced against the cold. The wind ripped through the jacket, settling in his bones, to make his teeth chatter and his limbs shake. Especially tonight he longed for the warmth of a blazing fire and the glow of companionship that only a real family could provide. He thought of how people had offered help, after the death of his parents, but he was a stubborn, independent fool, and, thinking it charity, had refused vehemently. There was no one to blame but himself.

Suddenly he came to an abrupt stop, and, cocking a red, frostbitten ear toward the dilapidated shack beside him, he listened. It came this time, louder and stronger, above the predominating whistle of the wind. It was a cry of the young, the hungry, the lonely.

Running as fast as he dared on the slippery pavement, he hurdled the broken steps, landing softly on the sagging front porch, and falling on his knees, stared into the dimly lit living room.

His heart ached with what he saw in the glow of a dying fire. Cradling a small baby in her thin, bare arms, tenderly comforting the four other young ones lying on blankets at her feet, sat a young girl, whose drawn, tired face showed the strain she must have been under.

This picture made his head spin, and plunged him into utter despair. He had to do something, but what? Trying desperately to pull his emotions together, he decided to

make his presence known. He knocked hesitantly on the door and waited to gain entrance, his mind hunting madly for excuses for this intrusion. The lock clicked and the petite face peered out into the stormy night. Those tired eyes widened and she spoke in a soft, somewhat apprehensive tone, "Can I help you?"

He just stood there, shivering, and completely tongue-tied.

But finally the words came, slowly at first, then faster and faster. He explained he was lost, and wondered if she could tell him the way.

Seeing his flimsy jacket and stricken look, she understood. So even against her better judgment, she invited him in. Beside the pitifully small fire they sat and, though complete strangers, talked like old friends.

After a while, positive that at last she had someone to confide in, the horrible story of her nightmare existence came out—the abandonment of six children by their parents several weeks before; lack of money, food and clothing; sickness; and finally complete poverty.

He wanted desperately to help her in any possible way, but he had no money, no food, nothing! His helplessness infuriated him as well as shaming him. In a sudden moment of desperation, he made the decision which was to affect his future. He would get these things, especially tonight, no matter what!

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Now as he sat here listening to the judge review his case—first degree robbery, four counts; grocery store, clothing store, drug store and toy store—he had one satisfaction. He had obtained what he had promised before they got him.

Suddenly the judge's voice broke off his thoughts, "Jimmy, through action by your principal, your schoolmates and your friends, even though you wouldn't tell us why you committed these crimes, we found out, and

have decided, through the kindness of the stores' proprietors, to drop these charges against you. But Jimmy, tell me one thing. What made you go about it with such abandon, and all in one night?"

"It was most important that night, if you remember, sir."

"Remember what?"

"It was Christmas Eve."

Santa

By Andrie Shampang, '59

THE young children entered the church hall, giving wide-eyed glances to the attraction in the center of the room—Santa.

We had asked the agency to send over a convincing Santa. They had undoubtedly fulfilled our requirements. From his boots to his head he was perfect. The fur which topped his jet black boots resembled rich ermine. His coat was of a fine red velvet, and his soft white beard flowed gently down to the brightly shining coat buckles. His countenance, although aging, was classic. Embedded within his soft pink skin were two limpid blue eyes which twinkled happily.

The party was a complete success. Within my mind was an indelible picture of the remarkable man I had met.

As I was leaving the hall, the telephone suddenly rang. I stopped to answer it. I heard an apologetic voice say, "We are sorry we were unable to send you a Santa. We just couldn't find a man available. Sorry." Then click!

I wandered home, dumbfounded, and wondering, glancing occasionally into the sky.



Thus Saith the Lord: 'Flee Into Egypt'

By Peter Brazeau, '60



lay a young child, unnaturally quiet. As Mary went to warm herself and her Baby, she noticed the other infant, and bending closer, saw in horror the mere skeleton of a child, whose twisted limbs lay limp.

At this moment, Mary became aware of the mother standing near her, and looking up, saw the tears streaming down her cheeks, saw her body convulsed in grief.

Mary comforted her, whispering soothing words of solace. Finally, the tears would no longer come and the outward signs of grief gave way to the constant inner ache.

And so the night passed—a woman and her child; a man and his wife; and the Savior—all drawn together in this poorest of huts.

As the first rays of light scattered the darkness, the room began to stir again. A fire was built to dispel the chill; a meager breakfast was prepared; and Mary began to bathe her Child. As Mary washed the dust of many days' journey from the Babe, the water, instead of becoming cloudy, remained clear.

THE sun was in fast retreat before the darkness as Joseph knocked on the door. Ordinarily, his carpenter instincts would have been repelled at the sight of this ramshackle shanty, but at the moment it afforded the one thing he sought most, a measure of safety. Safety had become paramount to Joseph since the command of the angel in the dream.

"Arise and take the Child and His mother and flee into Egypt and remain there until I tell thee. For Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him."

"Who's there?" begged the mere echo of a voice, suddenly, from within the shack.

"It is only a traveler, with his wife and young Child, who seeks shelter."

Slowly the door creaked open and a haggard face, lined and aged before its time, peered out and beckoned them in.

The room was dank. The perspiring walls were peopled with the shadows cast by the small fire. Near the fireplace in a little cradle

As the crippled infant was lowered into this same water for its bath, it began to cry—to cry a healthy cry as blood coursed through its paralyzed legs for the first time.

The sun seemed to shine brighter that day as Mary and Joseph resumed their journey, the glory of the Christ Child fresh in their hearts.

Yet, the Christ and this infant were to meet once more, thirty-three years later. This time Christ would offer not merely a passing existence but life everlasting when he would say to all mankind through this person, the Good Thief, "Amen I say to thee, This day thou shalt be with Me in paradise."

Christmas Eve Capers

By Dolores Zieminski, '60



HOW very lucky some people are, for they are not blessed with three brothers as I am. The boys, all younger than I, are Denis, 9; Joe, 7; and Al, 5. Now don't get me wrong. I like my brothers, but that's only when they're asleep.

My parents and I live in a normal house, in a normal neighborhood, but with three abnormal young boys. All one has to do is to mention the name Bryant and smiles turn to expressions of anger, for the boys are known throughout the neighborhood as the "Bryant Brats of Britton Street."

It's Christmas Eve and the snow is gently falling to the ground. Mom and Dad have just left to get the gifts which were put on lay-away. Right now I'm just wishing that out of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year, I shall be able to spend one peaceful evening.

I've been sitting here in Dad's comfortable easy chair watching TV for five whole minutes, which is quite a record for not hearing a sound from the boys. As a matter of fact,

it is too good a record. I'd better see what they're doing.

As I cautiously walk to the doorway of the boys' recreation room, I can hardly believe what I see. There in the corner are my three brothers arranging, with small figurines, the manger scene of the Christ Child. Maybe I really do love those brothers of mine! They look so saintly and innocent, so I go back to watching TV in the den.

Suddenly out of the clear quiet of the evening the scream of a small boy is heard from the direction of the living room. I nearly fly from the easy chair to the living room and come to a stop after crash landing on the living room floor. Will my brothers ever learn to pick marbles up after they've finished playing with them?

"Let go of my hair!" screams Joe.
"Gimme my Red Rider rifle!" demands Al.
"No, it's mine!" hollers Denis.

"Stop fighting this instant," I order, "because after I finish scalping you, you won't be able to pull each other's hair."

"There's the phone, and if I hear one sound out of you there's going to be war!" I declare.

"Hello? Oh, Hi, Diane! Haven't seen you since this afternoon. What's new? He did? Bob gave you his class ring? Fabulous! Wonderful! Oh, I'm so happy for you!"

Cr-r-rash!
"Oh, no-o-o! Diane, something just happened. I'll try to call you tomorrow, but if I'm too busy, Merry Christmas. So long!"

I run to the living room thinking that perhaps one of my brothers is hurt. Everything is still as I arrive in the living room, and as I glance around, there, scattered on the floor, are pieces of Mom's favorite Hummel figurine!

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I never was very good at putting puzzles together, but right now I would have to learn to put small Hummel figurines together. Brother, what a mess!

Bo-o-om!

Was that a bomb that hit the city? If so, I'd better head for the nearest Civil Defense shelter. Perhaps my nerves are so shot that I'm hearing things! But I think that I'm still my sane self, so I make a beeline for the living room, known as "brat headquarters," to see what the result of their latest job is.

What do my wondering eyes see, but the Christmas tree resting on its side, water from the tree holder in a puddle on the rug, bits of glass decorations all over the living room, and three frightened little boys behind the sofa at the other end of the room.

"That does it!" I yell. "I've had enough. Get upstairs to bed, you little imps! Go on, get up there before I go mad and the men in the white coats come after me!"

Having cleaned up the debris, I now sit on the sofa thinking about the happenings of the evening. The capers which my brothers pull remind me of a little saying: "You can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em."

Merry Christmas, everyone!



WINTER WINDOW

By Karen Canfield, '59

The hoarfrost paints a dream for me
Upon my windowpane
Where winter sprites skip merrily
Along a frozen lane.
And silver roses nod their heads
From sun-struck sterling-frosted beds.
Such wondrous lovely sights you'd see
If you'd but come and look with me!

A WINTER EVENING

By Regina Belland, '60

It came softly,
Without a sound—
Like a cat walking across a rug.
It came slowly,
Flake by flake—
Downward until it hit the cold, frozen ground.
The skies from which it fell were grey,
One smooth mass of light grey
With no white cloud
Disturbing the greyish-white tranquillity.

Yes,
It was snowing.
Sometimes a small gust of wind
Would swish the flakes
Against the window.
Everything was silent and still—
Very still.
Suddenly the stillness
Was disturbed
By the barking of a dog,
A lonesome dog,
Far—
Far away—



MERRY MAXIMS

By Karen Canfield, '59

"Birds in their little nests agree,"
The oft-told saying goes;
But that must not apply to me,
For people in my family
Quite often come to blows.

I've heard my parents oft decree
My bite's worse than my bark,
But sadly, curiosity
Often urges that I see
My teasing hit its mark.

ALUMNI NOTES

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF COLLEGE

Asked their first impressions of college, these 1958 graduates had the following comments to make:

POLLY SKOGSBERG, Skidmore—"The social life is fabulous and the work is impossible!"

MIKE MOLE, U. of M.—"College is wonderful—if you can ever get used to six hours of studying a night!"

(Mike, incidentally, has begun practice for the frosh basketball team.)

JERRY POWERS, N. A. State—"Let this speak for itself: we started off with 105 in the class, and have 80 left. I like it—but it's tough."

TONY SOTTILE, Brown—"No complaints as yet. In fact, I'm crazy about it!"

ELLEN SCHAINUCK, Smith—"I like it—but it isn't easy!"

BRUCE TUCKER, U. of M.—"There is 12 times as much homework! English and Math seem to be giving freshmen a lot of difficulty, so take my advice and study hard."

JUDY LEAHY, North Adams State—"Keep your nose to the grindstone and your shoulder to the wheel, and you'll have a ball!"

PATSY RYAN, St. Michael's, U. of Toronto—It's a long way from home, but everything—from the people to the country—is great!"

CAROL CASTAGNETTI, U. of M.—"I love it! The work isn't too hard; but if you let it pile up, you're lost!"

WOODY WOODWARD, MacMurray—"I like the school, and I'm passing!"

DAVE FRANK, Springfield College—"We were warned right away to take a look at the boy on our right and the boy on our left—because only one out of three of us would be left by mid-term. I like it—but . . .!"

PAULA SPASYK, St. Luke's School of Nursing

—"It's great—and really quite an experience to start my training."

KARL HEYE, Notre Dame—"I like the boys and I like the school—but the homework is heavy."

CAROL VARANKA, Westfield State Teachers' College—"I really enjoy it. The work is hard, but not as difficult as I had anticipated."

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SCHOOL NOTES

NEW FACULTY

Several new faces may be seen in the faculty at P.H.S. this year.

Mr. Mansulaitis is our new physics and geometry instructor. Before coming to P.H.S. he was a student at the University of Mass.

Familiar to biology students, **Mr. Whalen** attended Georgetown University, University of Vermont, and graduated from Holy Cross. P.H.S. is his first teaching position.

Mr. Clark, a former student at Pittsfield High, has returned and now holds forth in the Printing Shop. He previously worked at the Eagle Engraving Company and spent two years in the service.

Another graduate of the University of Mass., **Mrs. Steele** has been added to the science department. In college she majored in food technology and afterwards worked at Nuclear Metals, a branch of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mr. Murry has taught English in Tarrytown, New York; Marion, Mass.; and Valatie, New York. English is still his subject. He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University.

In the foreign language department, as a teacher of French is **Mr. Chapdelaine**, who graduated from Assumption College, where he majored in philosophy.

A familiar face to Sports fans is **Mr. Hill**, one of the new varsity football coaches. An alumnus of Brown University, he lists commercial and vocational English among his assignments at P.H.S.

Mr. Benedetti, after graduating from Springfield College, was on the staff at Drury High School for ten years before coming to P.H.S. as boys' gym teacher.

Both North and South Junior Highs remember **Mr. Brennan** as one of their former teachers. A 1957 graduate of Holy Cross, he is now with the English department as well as serving as our J.V. football coach.

Another familiar figure, especially to former North Jr. High students, is **Mr. Gauvreau**, now numbered among the geometry teachers. His earlier schools include Plunkett, Pomeroy, Central Junior High, and North Jr. High. He is a graduate of Assumption College.

No stranger to P.H.S. because of his appearance at the rallies, is **Mr. DeLeo**, history teacher and new varsity assistant football coach. P.H.S. is his first teaching appointment. He is a graduate of U. of New Hampshire.

New to the teaching profession and to Pittsfield High is **Miss Reynolds**, from the College of New Rochelle. She has joined the English staff.

The English department has also acquired the services of **Mrs. Schlawin**, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where she received her M.A. degree. Her previous assignments were in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Miss Hoffman comes to us from South Junior High and also joins our English teachers. She graduated from Our Lady of the Elms and earned her M.A. at North Adams State Teachers College.

The best of luck to all these new teachers in their new appointments at P.H.S.

TWO NEW FACES

During October the P.H.S. girls were pleased to have **Miss Joyce Croucher** from Athol, Massachusetts, and **Miss Marjorie Ford** from West Hartford, Connecticut, as

assistant gym instructors. Miss Croucher taught badminton, while Miss Ford instructed the hockey squads. Both are seniors at Springfield College and are majoring in Physical Education. Before returning to Springfield they will spend three weeks at the junior high schools and six at the elementary schools. Good luck to both of them! We are sure they will be a big success as teachers and that P.H.S. will miss their cheery smiles and enthusiastic support at the football games.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

Since September the senior class has been busy organizing for the year.

Senior Class elections were held on October 16. The results were as follows: Joe Garcia, president; Jeff Burns, boys' vice president; Pat Cimini, girls' vice president; Linda Hickey, secretary; and Judy Bertolino, treasurer.

The following people were elected as members of the Senior Class Council: Dustin Gordon, Francis Milette, David Borden, Richard Jones, Richard Cimini, David Horrigan, Robert Furlano, Patrick Taylor, Donald Richards, David Hoak, William Day, Martha Martin, Donald Culver, Ralph Decelles, Charles Szymanski, Nash Sirignano, Barton Holsborg, Elizabeth Bercury, Gerald Blair, Patricia Charow, Richard Bridges, Barbara Cullen, Fred Cox, Nancy Donahue, Peter Fedoryshyn, Pam Frambach, Thomas Giddings, Pat Gull, Charles Hart, Kerstin Johnson, Robert Jordan, Thomas Hall, James Buckley, Carol Madison, Gerald Lee, Jane McMahon, David Milstein, Julianne Polidoro, Anthony Pupo, Lucille Savino, David Shields, Judyth Trova, John Wall, Beverly Wohrle, and Michael Zorbo.

Senior Student Council members who were recently elected are Rose Carlo, Nancy Anne Clayson, Patricia Leahey, Carol Madison, Nancy Rowling, Jeff Burns, Michael Coughlin, Fred Cox, Thomas Giddings, and Frank Staro.

The editors of the '59 yearbook have been chosen. They include Patricia Leahey, editor-in-chief; Michael Coughlin, business editor; Ann Coughlin, activities; Carol Adams, art; Robert Desrosiers, boys' sports; David Foren, circulation; Joseph Garcia, classroom scenes; Vicary Fielding, dedication; Janice Jones, faculty; Penny Fall, girls' sports; Hildreth Ferguson, history; David Plump, seniors; and Maxine Kommit, statistics.

The Senior Class Council has elected Mark Melikan as chairman of the Christmas program and Tom Giddings as chairman of Christmas decorations.

At present two money-raising projects are under way for the seniors. One is the sale of Christmas cards under the supervision of Linda Maislen; the other, the sale of class pins, under the direction of a committee headed by Margo Molleur.

Wednesday, October 22, was a very special day for the senior girls at P.H.S. It was Bohemian Day! The majority of the girls were dressed in black and were wearing no make-up.

RALLIES

The new system for attendance at rallies has worked out quite successfully with the help of the cheerleaders, the Pep Club, and the P.H.S. band.

At the rally for the Holyoke football game, "The Five Failures" made their appearance, sporting Bermuda shorts, raccoon coats, and Ivy League caps. The group, which consists of John Gross, Bob McClintock, Kearons Whalen, Dick Bolster and Jay LaPlante, who accompanied with his guitar, sang "Football Makes the World Go Round." "The Five Failures" certainly made a tremendous hit with everyone.

John Sottile also scored when he took over for Charlie Mancivalano as a somewhat reluctant song leader.

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MEET THE FACULTY



MISS ROSEMARY E. CUMMINGS

A familiar face, especially to girls who attended South Jr. High, is Miss Rosemary Cummings. Last summer Miss Cummings was appointed Dean of Girls at P.H.S. to succeed Miss Nellie Parker, who retired in the spring.

A graduate of P.H.S., she received a B.A. degree *cum laude* from Our Lady of the Elms. She earned her Master of Education degree from North Adams State Teachers College.

Her previous experience includes teaching first and second grade at Reed School, French at Central Jr. High, and, as many of us know, French at South Jr. High.

Miss Cummings believes "that students today have many more advantages than ever before, such as the core class, the honors programs, and advanced training in musical education."

When asked her opinion of P.H.S. she replied, "I think it is a fine, well organized institution, with very little disorder, considering the size of the school." Furthermore, she has observed a noticeable change in pupils from Junior High, as P.H.S. students act much more mature and business-like.

While discussing the present college situation, Miss Cummings commented, "In order to be accepted one must be well prepared.

College competition is so keen that a student must certainly show evidence of hard work during high school." More than ever before she has noticed that a great number of present high school girls further their education and prepare for teaching careers.

Let's hope that P.H.S. will be fortunate enough to have Miss Cummings as Dean of Girls for many years to come.



MISS ROSEMARY T. HAYLON

"All this comment on teenagers and juvenile delinquency is true of only a small minority." This is what Miss Rosemary Haylon, head of the English Department, Junior Honors Teacher, Senior English teacher, and Faculty Advisor for the Yearbook, and THE STUDENT'S PEN, believes. She said that the students she has taught have been eager, interested in their studies, and anxious to learn. Only a small minority were indifferent. She believes this is true everywhere, that the students are eager to learn and that those who are not, constitute a very small minority.

Miss Haylon has been the faculty advisor for THE STUDENT'S PEN for eleven years, im-

parting her spirit and drive to the staff. She says her two biggest thrills were first, when she saw the name of THE STUDENT'S PEN listed among the first place winners at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York, and, second, in 1952 when THE STUDENT'S PEN received its first Medalist rating. She says she continues working with THE PEN because she not only enjoys the satisfaction of seeing a magazine issued, knowing that she has had a part in its production, but she enjoys working with students.

It is this enjoyment of young people that led her to the teaching profession. She highly recommends teaching to those who enjoy a challenge, like people, and have "the patience of Job."

Miss Haylon, with five very time-consuming jobs in the English department, is one of the busiest teachers this school has ever known. The students, we are sure, appreciate very much her guidance, and patience.

P.H.S. CADETTES

As usual the Cadettes are working hard on their routines for the home games. The girls, under the leadership of Miss "Mac," have marched in four home games, as well as the Halloween Parade. The members are as follows: seniors—Pat Benoit, Judy Bertolino, senior officer, Pat Charrow, Pat Cimini, Nancy Clayson, Ann Coughlin, Judy Genest, senior officer, Pat Leahy, senior officer, Carol Madison, senior officer, Ann Mazza, Dottie McGee, Vivian Najimy, Sharon O'Brien, Ursula Pytko, Nancy Rawling, Lucille Savino and Lesley Seaman; juniors—Judy Blood, Bunny Burt, junior officer, Kathy Burke, junior officer, Doreen Carey, Linda Castagnetti, Sandy Choquette, Sandy Cooke, Barbara Condron, Maureen Connolly, Linda Cunningham, Jackie Le Sage, Karen Henrickson, Carolyn Lipari, Pat Mancivilano, Kay Reagan, Susan Roots, Pam Sloper, Dottie Sorbara, Dee Stanton, Barbara Klimkewicz, Linda Keyes, Donna Eggleston, and Sandy Jillson.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Pittsfield High School Science Club, organized last year, is now in full swing. The students meet once a month after school for about an hour, during which time several talks are presented. Various students may state or demonstrate their projects, or people from the General Electric come and speak to the members about different subjects. Future talks by General Electric men will include such topics as magnetism, transistors, organic chemistry, and computers.

While conducting their projects during their own spare time, the pupils may receive assistance from parents, teachers, or outsiders. They may also use school equipment, and, if necessary, obtain some money from the school in order to carry out their plans. So far the following subjects have been discussed: bacteriology, humidity, rayon, amateur rocketry, fossils, and the transmission of the voice by light.

In early April, the club is planning to put on a Science Fair in which the members will display projects. The winners in this exhibition will then enter a Western Massachusetts competition at the University of Massachusetts. Some of the students are also intending to enter the Westinghouse Talent Search.

Under the capable guidance of Mr. Leahy and the leadership of President Bill Singer, Vice President Joseph Goguen, and Secretary-Treasurer Vicky Fielding, there are about fifteen members, but many more would be welcomed.

MUSIC NOTES

Under the careful guidance of Mr. Wayne, activities in the music room are off to a good start.

The P.H.S. Band, with over one hundred members, is planning to go to Washington, D. C. again this year to participate in the "Cherry Blossom Festival." This festival will take place early in the spring. The band has already raised over three hundred dollars by

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holding a record hop on October 4th, and a cake sale on October 18th, in their climb towards the goal of \$5000.

The band has played at every home football game, and marched in the Veterans' Day and Halloween parades. At the later parade they won first prize.

The orchestra started their season's activities by playing several selections at Open House, November 13. They are now preparing for the annual Christmas program.

The "Choraleers" have added quite a few new girls as members this year, but they are in need of a few boys. Any fellow who is interested in singing and having a good time is cordially invited to attend the rehearsals held after school every Thursday from 2:45 to 3:45.

The Dance Band has also started to practice, and the members who are tuning up are Dickie Russo, Biff Bonniver, Mark Melikan, John Talerico, and Ed Broderick on saxophones; Dan DiNicola, Bill Holt, and Ray Kinsella on trumpets; Pete Campoli, Pete Stickles, and Charlie Therrien on trombones; Bob Guerrina on piano, Jay La Plante on drums, and Dave Plump on bass.

LIBRARY SQUAD

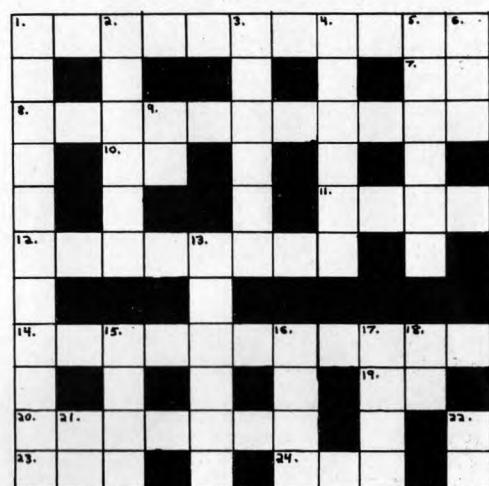
The Pittsfield High School Library Squad is a school service group organized for the purpose of helping our librarian, Mrs. Farrell, and also learning about the functions of a library. One of the chief advantages of the Library Squad is that it offers excellent experience for prospective librarians. It is also helpful training for anyone who uses the library.

The twelve members of the squad voluntarily give up their study periods to do various jobs. The members of the Squad are James Treat, Sally Bridgman, Vivian Packard, Nan Stack, Julia Goodsell, Judy Mansen, Virginia Martin, Marian Cann, Gail Barker, Frances Courtemanche, and Joseph Smith.

Anyone who wants to learn about the library or has an interest in books is welcome to join.

Our thanks to the Pittsfield High School Library Squad for its fine service.

FRENCH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Fill in the squares with the corresponding French words.

By Louise Hurt, '59

ACROSS

1. unforgettable
7. to the
8. (they) twinkle, sparkle
10. not
11. new
12. (they) subscribe
14. (you) will hook
19. one, they
20. (he) was going in for boating, rowing (subj.)
23. east
24. summer
1. unconcern, carelessness
2. (he) was voting (subj.)
3. (she) allows
4. going
5. tongue
6. (he) had (passe simple)
9. born
13. sports
15. hundred
16. host
17. pink
18. of it (pronoun)
21. ace (of cards)
22. if

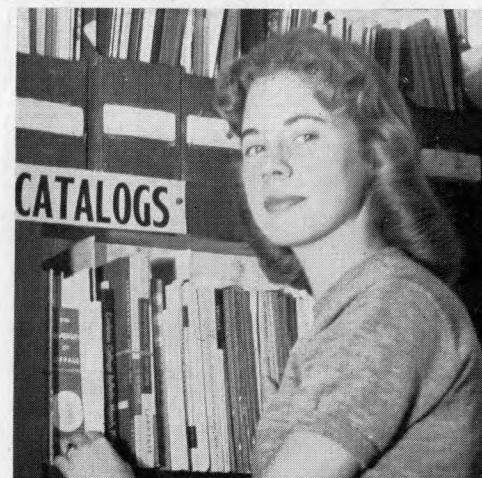
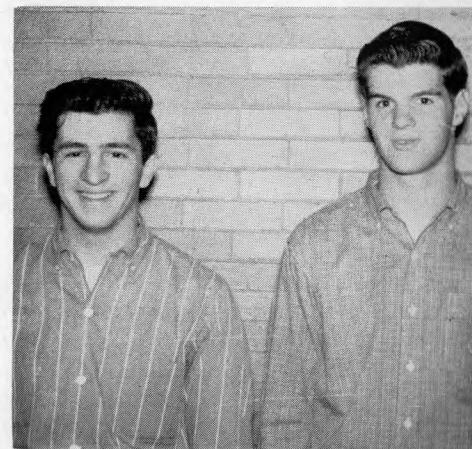
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WHO'S WHO

TOM GIDDINGS AND BILL ERAМО

Tom Giddings, an active member of the senior class, is co-captain of the football team and has been a member of the basketball team. He is on the Student Council and belongs to Senior Hi-Y. His future plans include college. Best of luck, Tom!

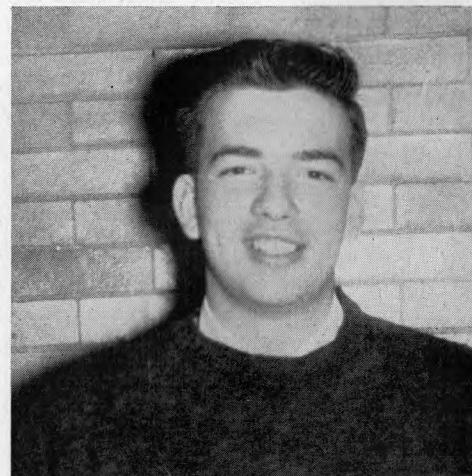
Bill Eramo, also active in the senior class, is co-captain of the football team. He is also a home room representative. In the future he plans to attend college, possibly W.P.I.



JANE McMAHON

Meet Jane McMahon, an active College Preparatory student. Included in her many senior year activities are her work as a member of the Senior Class Council, Exchange Editor of *THE PEN*, home room treasurer, member of the advertising staff of the yearbook, Good Will Committee, and Social Editor of *The Teenage Week in Review*.

In her junior year she was a home room treasurer, on the Junior Class Council, and the chairman of the Program Committee for the Junior Prom.



FRANK STARO

Frank Staro, one of our active seniors, is photography editor of the Yearbook and Boys' Sports editor of *THE STUDENT'S PEN*. Frank's many activities include being president of the Pep Club, Class Day chairman, a member of the Student Council. He is also on WBRK's *Teenage Week in Review* and is president of that organization, besides being *PEN* editor of P.H.S. sports, and yearbook photography editor.

Frank's future plans include college at Tufts or B.U., with a future in medicine in mind. Good luck, Frank!

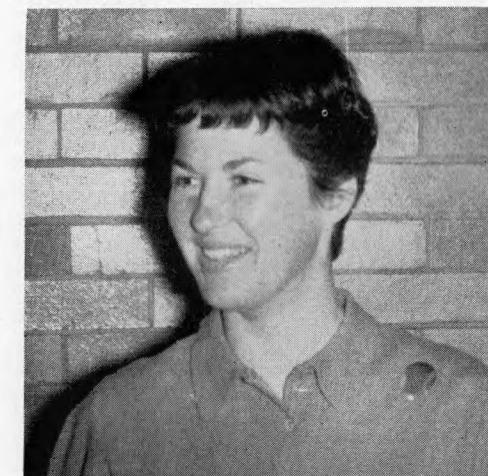
WHO'S WHO

DIANE BULGARELLI

BILL SINGER

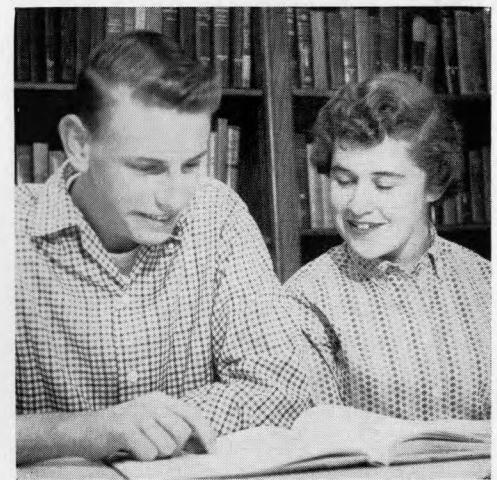
Meet Diane Bulgarelli and Bill Singer, the '58-'59 co-editors of *THE PEN*. Diane, a C.P. senior, is a member of both the band and the orchestra. This year she will be a member of the All-State Orchestra playing the bass.

Bill is the president of the Science Club. In his junior year he was a member of the band, a home room representative, and also took part in the production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. In college he plans to study in the field of science.



MARGOT SHANDOFF

Here is the popular and versatile Margot Shandoff. Margot is the enthusiastic captain of the varsity cheerleaders. She has been an active member of the Student Council, a *STUDENT'S PEN* contributor, and a sports enthusiast. She has also been President of Gamma Tri-Hi-Y for two years. She expects to attend college next year, but has no particular choice as yet. Lots of luck and success in the future, Margot!



MIKE COUGHLIN AND PAT LEAHEY

Meet Mike Coughlin, an active as well as popular senior who is taking the C.P. course. Mike is a home room representative, and also business manager of the Yearbook. He was on the Junior class council last year.

Meet Pat Leahy, an especially active senior taking the C.P. course. Her activities include being president of the United Students' Fund, vice president of the Girls' Athletic Association, and editor of the Yearbook.

HI-Y AND TRI-HI-Y NOTES

The newly elected officers of the Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y cabinet are Margot Shandoff, president; Dick Bolster, vice-president; Carol Hatch, secretary, and Lesley Seaman, chaplain.

Phi sponsored the successful Harvest Hop. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and the Senior Hi-Y sponsored the Sadie Hawkins; and the Victory Dance was made possible by Theta, Delta, and Sigma.

The officers of the various clubs are as follows: Phi—Bill Holt, president; Bruce Barnett, boys' vice-president; Lesley Seaman, girls' vice-president; Linda Castagnetti, secretary; Barbara Anderson, treasurer; Bette Rivenburg, chaplain; Dave Sykes, warden.

Alpha—Pamela Frombach, president; Margot Molleur, vice-president; Marilyn Hill, secretary; Joan Hall, treasurer; Sue Provost, chaplain.

Beta—Betsy Owens, president; Lynne Cianfarini, vice-president; Sandra Choquette, secretary; Lindy Wilkinson, treasurer and warden; Helen Armstrong, chaplain.

Gamma—Margot Shandoff, president; Kay Reagan, vice-president; Nancy Hamilton, secretary; Sandra McDonald, treasurer; Joan Farrell, chaplain; Sheila Kay, warden.

Senior HI-Y—Joseph Garcia, president; Richard Bolster, vice-president; Kearons Whalen, secretary; Ted Marchand, treasurer; Warren Archey, chaplain.

Theta—Ann Coffey, president; Arlene Gromatski, vice-president; Judith Mavrikas, treasurer; Patricia Hawkins, chaplain; Carol Hatch, secretary.

Delta—Carol Madison, president; Carol Amuso, vice-president; Nancy Rawlings, secretary; Elaine Bernardo, treasurer; Beverly Loboda, secretary and warden.

Sigma—Meribah Mitchell, president; Virginia Hovey, vice-president; Pamela O'Donnell, secretary; Barbara Martin, treasurer; Nancy Walker, warden; Julie Mazzacco, chaplain.

Zeta—Susan Knox, president; Judith Henault, vice-president; Sally Frissell, secretary; Patricia Dwyer, treasurer; Barbara Zuccey, chaplain and warden.

RETAIL SALES

We formed our Retail Sales Club, which meets on Monday afternoons, and named the class "Rocketing Retailers." Nancy Stodden was elected president; Bette Jayne Rivenberg, secretary; Linda Syrett, publicity manager; and Bernard Courtemanche, treasurer.

This year members of the Berkshire Sales Executives Club are to present scheduled talks, once a month, to the class. Top men in the various fields of selling in our city will be guest speakers. The first talk was given October 16 in the Retail Room (107). The speaker was Mr. Charles Earnshaw, director of training at Berkshire Life Insurance Co., who gave a very interesting illustrated talk on "The Selling Process." Members of the Sales Executives Club have been extended an invitation to attend any of the lectures. In November, Mr. George Tuttle, Branch Manager of I B M., presented a talk on "The Knowledge of a Product."

National Careers in Retailing Week was celebrated the week of October 12-18. A poster was put on the main lobby bulletin board which included interesting pamphlets on making retailing a career.

The class has completed displays in the room, and have begun planning the next ones.

October 27 we gave a Halloween Party at the Crippled Children's Home which was a big success. We made many new friends and are hoping to visit them again soon. The class made favors for each child, and entertainment was provided by class members.

CHEERLEADERS

VARSITY

The P.H.S. varsity cheerleaders, as usual, are doing a fine job of keeping spirits high at games and rallies. Their enthusiasm has

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spread to the student body, and the several new cheers, which they created and introduced at Pep Club meetings, have won popular acclaim.

The Varsity group, captained by Margot Shandoff, consists of Meribah Mitchell, Judy Trova, Elaine Menin, Carol Overbaugh, Pam O'Donnell, Ann McCabe, Linda Hickey and Carolyn George.

JAY VEE

As many of the junior girls will testify, there are sore muscles and aching bones as a result of "cheerleading tryouts." But on Oct. 28, nine ecstatic girls were rewarded for their efforts. They were chosen as J.V. cheerleaders. The new group consists of Linda Anderson, Judy Geogre, Linda Jenks, Sonia Keeler, Susan Murphy, Sally Frissell, Donna Daly, Cristine Cimini and Edna Calderella. Congratulations, girls, and good luck!

THE PEP CLUB

The most loyal supporter of P.H.S.'s athletic teams, the Pep Club, is continuing successfully this year. The Club is comprised of more than 350 members, who elected the following class representatives: Seniors, Evelyn Ferraro and Frank Staro; juniors, Judy George and Dick Bolster; sophomores, Nancy Walker and Peter Foss.

A sale of Pep Club buttons and beanies was conducted this fall and a committee was organized to decorate the auditorium for rallies. A representative from each class was chosen. They are senior, Carol Adams; junior, Jerry Freeland; sophomore, Pat O'Neil.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS

We are all very proud of the P.H.S. seniors who are semi-finalists in the National Merit Award Scholarship Contest. Those who have qualified are Karen Canfield, Elaine Bernardo, Mike Coughlin, Jack O'Gara, Bill Singer, and Joe Goguen. Good luck to all of you!

TECHNICAL NOTES

Even as Tech students await the fateful cards which may well indicate their destiny, the second saga of their four-stage siege has already begun. Still reeling from ten torrid weeks of theory, they faced electricity teacher Mr. Maihl with the same blank and uncomprehending stares to which he must now be so accustomed. This course is proving to be one which really separates the sheep from the goats, for it boasts a fantastic range of marks. Trig, likewise, showed a drastic effect. The boys, unnerved by the realization that the quarterly was to be virtually the sole basis for their mark, trembled much and blundered often during the test, yet proved their superior ability by crowding the top of the graph. Foreign languages, history, and drafting were similar terrifying obstacles.

Thoroughly softened by this barrage, tech became putty in the hands of Mr. Carey, in English class. Confronted by a formidable array of relative, participal and elliptical clauses, they faced a task far from enviable. Paragraphs, outlines, and book reports robbed many hours which would doubtless have been spent in bettering other subjects. Vocabulary words were faithfully studied, and words coming from the lists mingled with the old ones which did not. All in all, however, Tech finally surmounted its "favorite subject."

But don't think we're downcast, because we're not. It could be much worse next time.



Aside from that, Tom, what did you think of the trial?

GIRLS' SPORTS

GIRLS' HOCKEY

The hockey season got off to a flying start—after the sophomores learned how to put on their shin guards. This season was a particularly cold one, and we are pleased that so many girls turned out. Those lucky and skillful few who made the teams really enjoyed themselves during the tournament. Members of the winning senior team were Penny Fall, Co-capt. Carolyn George, Pat Leahey, Pat Benoit, Pat Cimini, Ursula Pytko, Joyce Borden, Judy Fee, and Co-capt. Barb Trzcinka. Congratulations, girls, on a well earned victory! The junior team fought hard, but just couldn't beat the seniors. The juniors were Co-capt. Sue Roots, Karen Hendricson, Betty Ann Carter, Co-capt. Mo Connolly, Kathy Maces, Linda Vermes, Kay Reagan, Paula Collins, Myra Henneborn, Judy Beth Mendel, Bev Search, and Sandy Choquette. Congratulations, juniors, on such a large turnout! On the sophomore team were Co-capt. Marie Cimini, Ann Gogan, Barb Koza, Lorraine Rilla, Nancy Rodda, Mary Arpante, Pam Badger, Linda Rohlfs, Rosemary Trepacz, and Co-capt. Lucile Rohlfs. Welcome, sophomores, to P.H.S., and we hope to be hearing more about you in future athletic events! The tournament scoresheet was as follows:

Senior	9	Junior	2
Junior	2	Sophomore	2
Senior	10	Junior	5
Junior	2	Sophomore	0
Senior	13	Sophomore	0

TRACK

For the first time track courses were offered

to the junior and senior gym classes, and they were very enthusiastically received. The classes, coached by Miss "Mac," included the running and the standing broad jump, the sprint, the dash, and the basketball throw. Judging from the aching muscles, the course included a few rough landings, but no one became discouraged. Boys, beware! The girls may try out for the school track team and make it!

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Who is the black-eyed Susan in the 4th period junior gym class?

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Not to be left out of the modern world, P.H.S. has launched a "Sputnik" of its own, and it is as great a success as the original. The P.H.S. Sputnik is the Girls' Athletic Association. The purpose of this organization is to promote good sportsmanship and wholesome activities. The G.A.A. has its own emblem, which is reprinted on the snappy sweatshirts the Association is selling. It consists of the P.H.S. dome between crossed hockey sticks, surrounded by a purple circle in which "P.H.S. Girls' Athletic Association" is printed. By November first, 240 girls had joined the Association. It is open to every girl in the school for 25 cents a term. It is hoped that more girls will soon join G.A.A. to take advantage of some wonderful opportunities available in the near future.

The G.A.A. is an active organization. Twenty G.A.A. girls went to the University of Massachusetts to a Danish gymnastic ex-

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hibition. An all-county basketball clinic was held in November to teach officiating and playing to interested girls. National officials were invited to act as instructors.

Penny Fall, president of G.A.A., said the Association plans many trips this year, a possible one being to the Ice Capades. She stated that the G.A.A. is also "seriously considering" a Christmas dance. She stressed that their activities are open only to G.A.A. members. Why miss out? Join today.

The officers of G.A.A. are Penny Fall, president; Pat Leahey, vice-president; Maureen Connolly, secretary; and Pat Benoit, treasurer. The Board members are Pat Fellows, Carol Overbaugh, Carolyn George, Cherie Goyette, Barbara Trzcinka, Donna Daly and Pam Sloper.

Let us hope the G.A.A. does not peter out as the original Sputnik did, but keeps soaring upward to greater heights.

CADETTE

P.H.S. is certainly justly proud of its Cadettes. This year, as in previous years, they performed tricky maneuvers with excellent precision on the football field. At the Drury game they had a particularly impressive routine with purple and white shakers. The Cadettes also represented P.H.S. in the Halloween parade, with a snappy march down North St. Future Cadette plans include the second annual talent show for the Cadettes' Scholarship Fund, and a trip to West Point in the spring.

EQUAL RIGHTS

The sophomore girls have decided it is about time the girls' athletic teams received some of the privileges which the boys' teams enjoy, especially the privilege of a water boy. So, during hockey practice, the sophomore girls appointed a special "Sophomore Girls' Water Girl." The only drawback was the lack of a bucket, but this was remedied when someone produced an empty aspirin bottle.

QUOTABLE QUOTES ON G.A.A.

PATRICIA DRISCOLL—A very good idea.

MARIE CIMINI—It's a good thing. It's good for the morale of the girls because it gives them something to work for.

SONIA KEELER—It's wonderful! Just what we need to promote good sportsmanship.

DIANE DUXBURY—A great project.

KATHY MARBY—I think it's great because it offers activities for everyone at P.H.S.

SANDY COTE—Man, I think it's great! A good organization for everyone to belong to.

MARY ARPANTE—I think it's a good thing, because it helps the kids to really get to know one another.

COACH FOX—I'm for anything that promotes better school spirit and better and more loyal student participation.

MISS CUMMINGS—An organization such as the G.A.A. should certainly go far toward promoting good sportsmanship among the girls at Pittsfield High. Lucky girls! To have the opportunity of belonging to such a fine organization is a privilege.

MRS. HENDERSON—The G.A.A. should inspire clean sportsmanship among the girls. Their trips to see college or professional performances should be worthwhile entertainment.

MR. BOLAND—It seems to me that the G.A.A. is an excellent means of increasing school spirit, of providing more and better opportunities for active participation in sports.

MISS GUILTYNAN—It will be a wonderful opportunity for girls to have some sort of co-ordination in their activities, and it will give them a sense of the importance of what they are doing.

BOYS' SPORTS

Football

In the closing days of August, while the majority of Pittsfield High's student body was still enjoying the summer vacation, the members of our football squad began their pre-season practice sessions. Since that time the boys have put in long hours of tedious work on the fundamentals and intricacies of the game.

The adjective that best described this season's team was "new." New coaches, a new offense and defense, and many new players combined to represent Pittsfield High on the gridiron. Lloyd Hill, Charles DeLeo, and John Brennan were Head Coach Nick Morris' able new assistants. The team's offense underwent a complete renovation. In switching from the straight "T" to a fascinating new winged "T" formation, the team offered a faster and more diversified attack, which proved more interesting and exciting to the spectator, as well as baffling to opponents. New also were many of the players. Added to the experienced veterans, there was an especially talented group of incoming sophomores, who actually made up the majority of the squad. The starting line was as follows: Dave Giddings and Bill Seeley, ends; Co-captain Tom Giddings and Jack O'Gara, tackles; Ed O'Hearn and Fred Plouffe, guards; and replacing injured Co-captain Bill Eramo at center was Charley Hart. In the backfield were Phil Balmer, quarterback; Jim Bridges and Charley Hinckley, halfbacks; and George Garivaltis, fullback. In addition, Paul O'Gara, Jeff Burns, Gary Soldato, Dick Walsh, and Matt Jacoby saw considerable heavy action.

Superior conditioning paid off in the first game of the season, as the squad registered a

come-from-behind victory over Springfield Trade. Although outplaying its next opponent for most of the game, Pittsfield lost a heartbreaker to Northampton, 8 to 6. The loss to a powerful Turner's Falls team was made worse when Co-captain Bill Eramo, recovering a fumble, sustained a knee injury which put him out of action for the remainder of the season. Before a capacity Booster Night crowd, the Purple team and the Blue Devils of Drury battled to a scoreless tie in a hard fought contest. In its next two games, however, Pittsfield ran into some tough luck against conference-leading Holyoke Catholic, and Adams. In our final contest against St. Joe, our inter-city rivals, our boys were superb. Granted we were defeated, even in defeat Pittsfield's team brought honor and glory to its school.

NEW COACHES

This year three new coaches are in charge of our football team. They are Mr. Charles DeLeo, Mr. Jack Brennan, and Mr. Lloyd Hill. All of them, standout football players in high school and college, are well versed in the game.

Mr. Jack Brennan is a graduate of Pittsfield High School and Holy Cross College. He participated in football and baseball while in high school, and was captain of the Holy Cross baseball team in his senior year. Jack was a better than average quarterback and an even better third baseman. Upon graduation from college he played baseball in the Boston Braves farm system, and is, of course, an ardent Milwaukee fan. Mr. Brennan is a member of the English Department.

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He predicts that next year's football team will, without doubt, be much stronger and much more experienced.

Mr. Brennan was married last month to the former Carol McMahon. All of us at P.H.S. wish him the best for the future.

Mr. John DeLeo replaces Charles Garivaltis as backfield coach at P.H.S. He attended Framingham High School. He is a graduate of New Hampshire College, where he received a B.A. degree. In high school he played quarterback under Coach Nick Morris and also participated in basketball and baseball. He served in the Army prior to coming to Pittsfield. Mr. DeLeo is a history teacher. He expects a much better team for next year.

Mr. Lloyd Hill, a new head line coach, is a native of Brockton, Mass. He succeeds Mr. Joseph Gleason, who became head coach at Colt Memorial High School in Rhode Island. Mr. Hill attended Brockton High School where he played on the hockey, football, and track teams. He is a graduate of Brown University with a B.A. degree. In his senior year at Brown he captained their football team from tackle position. Another English teacher, his hobby is photography.

He predicts that with all the potential in the sophomore and junior classes, next year's football team should be an extremely good one.

NEW BASKETBALL COACH

Hats off and a clap on the back to Pittsfield High's new varsity basketball coach, Mr. Frank Moynihan. We of P.H.S. wish him and his team the best of luck and extend to him congratulations and best wishes.

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OPEN LETTER TO A SOPHOMORE

By Mary Lou McDonough, '59

I thoroughly expect that by the time my little epistle reaches you, you will already have been welcomed to P.H.S. countless thousands of times by as many teachers, janitors, and various groups of do-gooders. You are probably sitting there smugly waiting for me to do the same. You could not possibly be more wrong. I am not going to welcome you here simply because I did not invite you here. In my opinion, it's already too crowded.

I hope you have not already torn this STUDENTS' PEN to shreds, because now I intend to add insult to injury; I am going to advise you. I know, I know, you have already been advised numerous times on how to AVOID the evils of high school life. Well, here are a few helpful hints on how to FIND them. Bless your pointed little heads, I thought you'd like that.

1. Come to class late; thus avoid the rush.
2. Write on the walls, desks, and books; it shows your ability in penmanship.
3. In assembly, shout and stamp your feet; it shows you're awake.
4. Buy a whistle for gym class; have a contest with the instructor.
5. Trip the kids in the halls; it shows you're quick on your feet.
6. Don't run down the stairs; slide down the bannister.
7. Don't throw erasers; books are harder.
8. Don't borrow from your neighbors—take what you want.
9. Don't whisper in class; shouting is much more effective.
10. Don't peek at anyone's exam paper; have it passed to you.

Pittsfield High School is the easiest place

in the world to find something at which to laugh, but I don't have to tell you that; you've already eaten your first meal here.

What about the new year-round program? This program consists of attending classes twelve months a year and graduating several months earlier, even when you figure in the nervous breakdowns. "Progress is our most important product."

But this is our beloved high school. Unfortunately, at present it is being ruined by over-crowded conditions, etc; but officials assure us that one day in the future everything will be back to normal, so that our descendants can go through everything we have had to endure.

Well, what did you expect for nothing?

Casey's Column

Although we all miss Charlie Mancivilano, we're glad to have John Sottile sing at the rallies in his place . . . Three cheers for Jay LaPlant, the boy who is really spiking the drum section of the P.H.S. marching band this year . . . The Girls' Athletic Association, which was started this fall, is a welcome addition to our high school . . . More plaudits to the members of the Pep Club, who have had new songs and skits at every rally, and who do a good job of decorating the auditorium.

Who is the girl in Mr. Spina's Italian class who gets moved to the back of the room each day because she talks so much? . . . The array of things (stuffed animals, brooms, and Vampire costumes) that Senior girls bring to school is really frightening . . . Many thanks to English teachers for turning over to the PEN noteworthy classroom compositions — our short story editor is having a field day . . .

A parting word: Be careful what you say or do, 'cause I'm awatching you!

Casey

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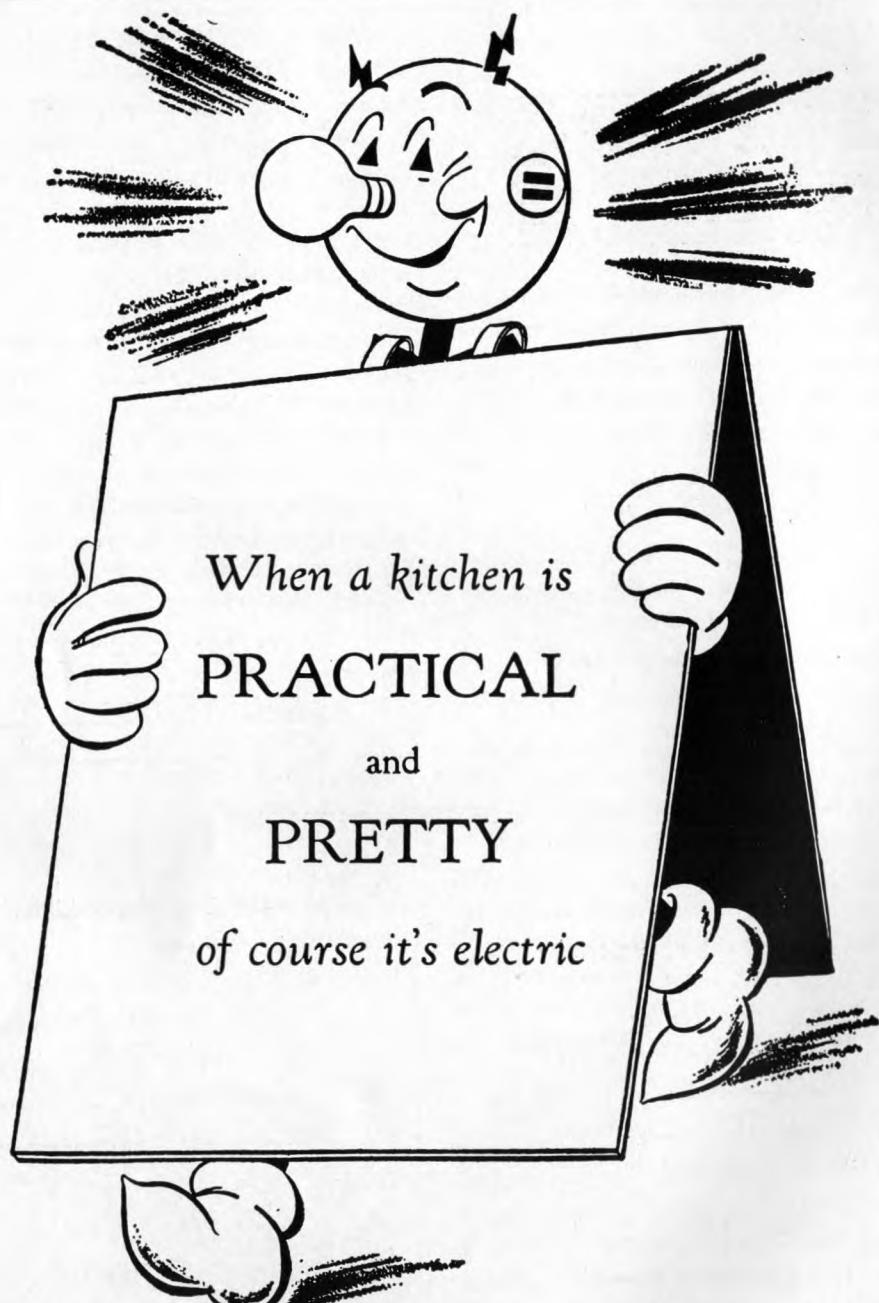
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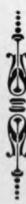
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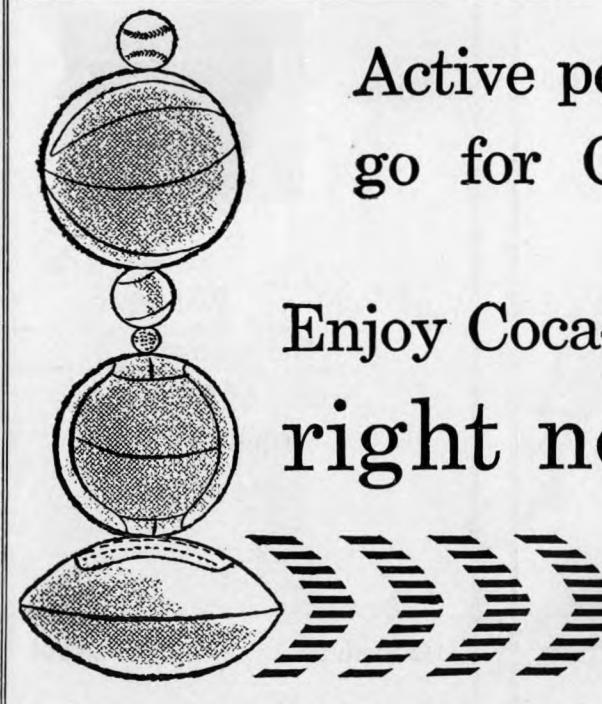
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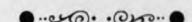
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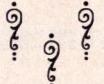
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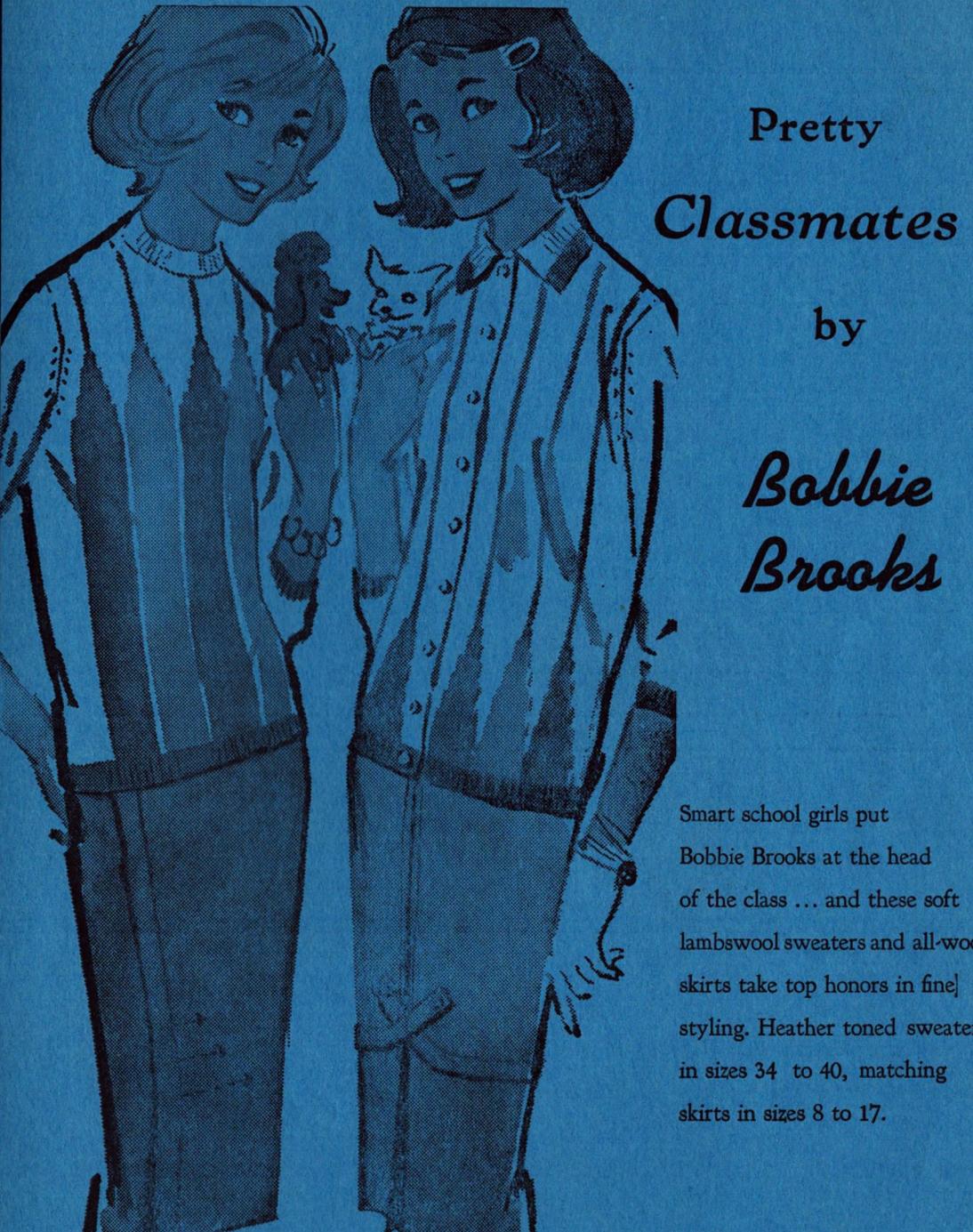
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